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Under 35 USC § 120, this application is a continuation of U.S. application serial no. 09/053,031, filed April 1, 1998, which claims priority from U.S. application serial no. 60/041,825, filed April 1, 1997 (now expired). The entire disclosures of the prior applications are considered part of (and are incorporated by reference in) the disclosure of this application.

Basic filing fee	\$355
Total claims in excess of 20 times \$9	\$126
Independent claims in excess of 3 times \$40	\$240
Fee for multiple dependent claims	\$0
Total filing fee:	\$721

A check for the filing fee and excess claims fee is enclosed. The fee calculation above was performed after consideration of the claims presented in the Preliminary Amendment filed herewith. Following entry of the Amendment, the application will contain 34 claims, nine of which are independent. Please apply any other required fees or any credits to deposit account 06-1050, referencing the attorney docket number shown above.

If this application is found to be incomplete, or if a telephone conference would otherwise be helpful, please call the undersigned at (617) 542-5070.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this application by returning the enclosed postcard.

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